

Easement

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Pearce House
Chestertown
private

1890' $\frac{1}{2}$

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Pearce House
AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
~~200 Water Street~~

103 Maple Street

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Telephone #: 778 3477

STREET & NUMBER
Cross Street

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE
Maryland

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pearce House faces onto North Water Street from the northwest side at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Water Street in Chestertown.

It is a 2½-story Queen Anne style Victorian house built on a modified cross plan. The front and left (southeast and southwest) arms of the cross are longer than their counterparts. The entrance is on an angled porch fit into the intersection of the southeast and southwest arms.

The house sits on a high painted brick basement which has a beveled water table of some sort of soft stone that has been grooved. This same grooved stone is also used for the lintels and sills of the windows on the first story. The brick continues above the water table to just above the first story; the siding from there on up to the cornice is cedar shingles.

The gable end of the front arm of the cross which extends toward Water Street and is the principal ~~element~~ element of the facade has three bays on the first story: a pair of elongated 1/1 double hung sash with louvered shutters in the outer bays and a narrower 1/1 double hung sash window in the middle which occupies a 1-story slightly projecting section that is topped by a decorated and bracketed cove cornice, concave hip slate-covered roof and small balustrade. Directly over the balustrade is a 3-window group which makes up the second story fenestration. They are small 1/1 windows with smaller square stained glass panes set directly over them, the whole assembly mounted in a wood frame that is the same width as the projecting bay below it on the first story. The frame runs up and meets an elaborate cornice return coved shelf. The shelf is supported by single oversized brackets at each end. Above the cornice ~~return~~ return shelf in the gable is a pair of oblong single pane windows paired in a frame similar to that on the second story but narrower overall.

The main cornice of the gable end is a deep open box with bottom edge and sides of the rafter ends exposed. The roof is covered with slate shingles. On the southwest side of the roof of this southeast arm of the cross is a clipped gable dormer with decorative barge board molding on the top and sides: within the dormer roof is a small box that houses two side by side window panes. On the northeast roof of this wing is a tall corbeled chimney, which is continued below the roof down below the second story at which point it is tapered into the wall in three parallel steps.

Constructed in the angle where the projecting southeast wing meets the southwest wing are a pair of single story porches and one second story porch. Built against the side of the projecting southeast wing is the first 1-story porch: it is enclosed. This porch shares the brick basement and water table of the wing and also continues the wing's cedar shingle siding up to its own bracketed cornice and concave hip slate covered roof at the top of the first story. In the center of the shingled portion of the southeast wall of this porch is a pair of 1/1 windows with square panes of stained glass over each, the whole assembly in a wood frame that extends from the water table to the cornice. Sitting on the deck of this enclosed porch is the second story porch, which is screened; it has a balustrade, turned posts above with support bracket-arches, a lintel, and brackets under deep eaves of its shed roof.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1880-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT H.M. Stuart

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pearce House is the only Queen Anne style house in Chestertown; it lacks its original timbers and has some Stick/Eastlake effects, but otherwise it is a fairly clear expression of its style. It was built at the end of the last century for Judge James Pearce, son of the prominent mid-century U.S. Senator, by local builder H.M. Stuart, who built a great number of gothic and gothic-derived houses in Chestertown between 1880 and 1900.

The house presently serves as the parsonage for the ~~Ep~~ Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

July, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Description (continued)

Built against the facade of the southwest wing is the second 1-story porch, an open shed-roofed porch whose roof abuts the hip of the other 1-story porch. This porch ~~contains~~ contains the entrance and its floor is angled across the juncture of the two wings. This porch has a balustrade and posts like those on the second story porch. The entrance is within a shallow enclosed entry. There are double paneled doors.

On the second story of the southwest wing is a projecting dormer with a gabled roof and very deep soffit. The dormer contains a pair of oblong 1/1 double hung sash windows.

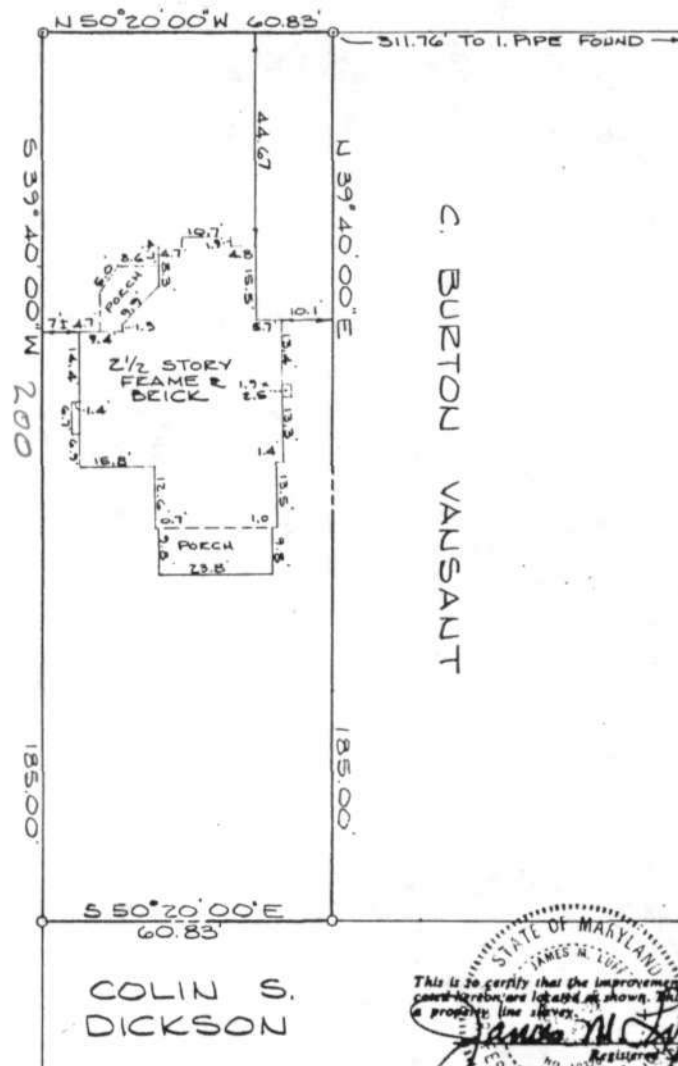
The main roof has very deep eaves and brackets and is covered with slate shingles. There is a single very steep gabled dormer with decorative bargeboards which encloses a small box with small side by side 2-pane windows. All of the dormers on the house's main roof contribute an Eastlake/Stick style motif.

On the southwest elevation of the southwest wing (the end of the left arm of the cross) the ~~upper-s~~ upper story overhangs the first story by about two feet; there are oversized brackets at the corners. The wing is one room wide; the middle section of its first story projects from the main mass about the extent of the second story overhang. This projecting section has a frame section which contains three oblong single pane windows topped by square panes of stained glass. There are two 1/1 double hung sash windows on the second floor, both with louvered shutters and an assembly of three side by side single pane windows in the gable. Above the center ~~of these the~~ window of the three is a single pane of stained glass.

It appears from a photograph taken around the turn of the century that the second story originally had some exposed timbers.

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MAPLE AVENUE

FRONT STREET
(Water Street)

IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION	J. R. McCrone, JR., INC.	STATE OF MARYLAND JAMES M. LUFF REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 10340
EMMANUEL RECTORY	REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS	SCALE 1" = 30'
CHESTERTOWN	ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND	DATE 8/79
4TH DISTRICT, KENT CO., MD.	PRINCE FREDERICK CHESTERTOWN	JOB NO. 249062
FOR: ROBERT KESTELL	TRAPPE LEONARDTOWN BOWIE	FOLDER 486

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VITA FOODS

FOODS
(NEW)
FARM

COUNTY

RAILROAD

PENNSYLVANIA

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LANE
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WATER
CANNON

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PARK
COURT ST.

CHURCH
ST.

SPRING
ST.

ROW
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STREET

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KENT

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STREET

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON
U.S. 213

PHILOSOPHERS
KENT

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BYFORD
DRIVE

WALDO
DRIVE

DAVID
DRIVE

BARROLL
DRIVE

BROWN VIEW
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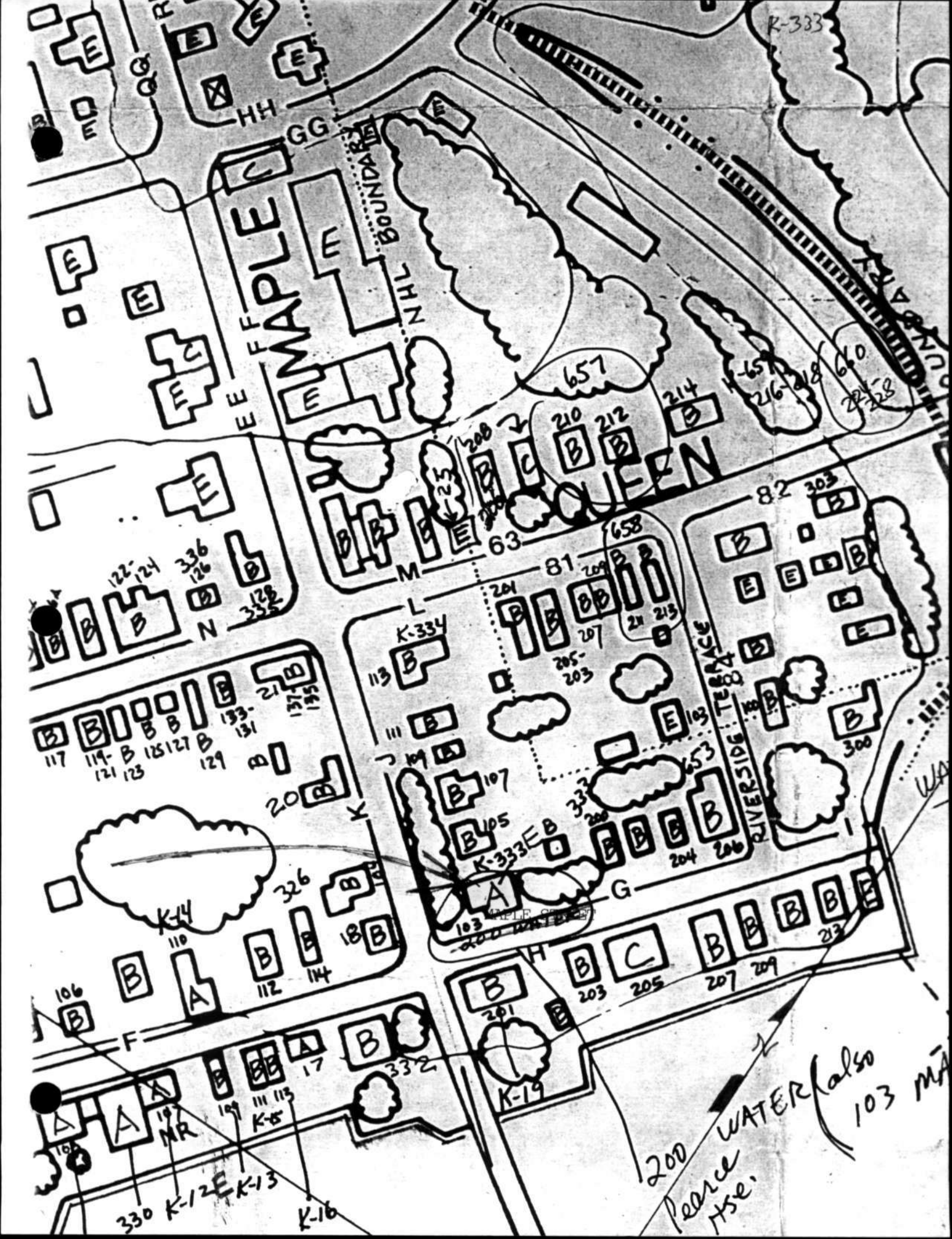
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Kent County



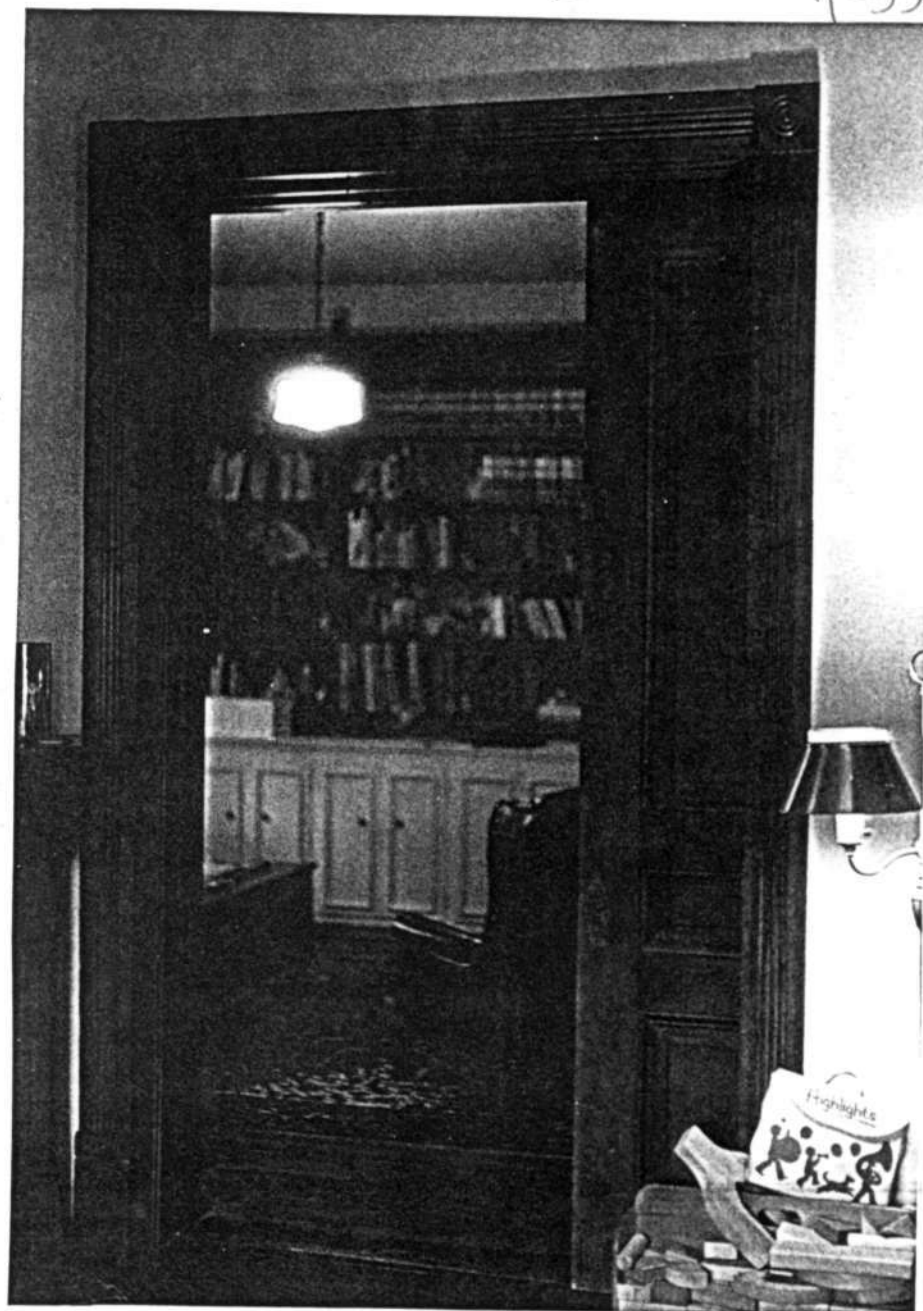
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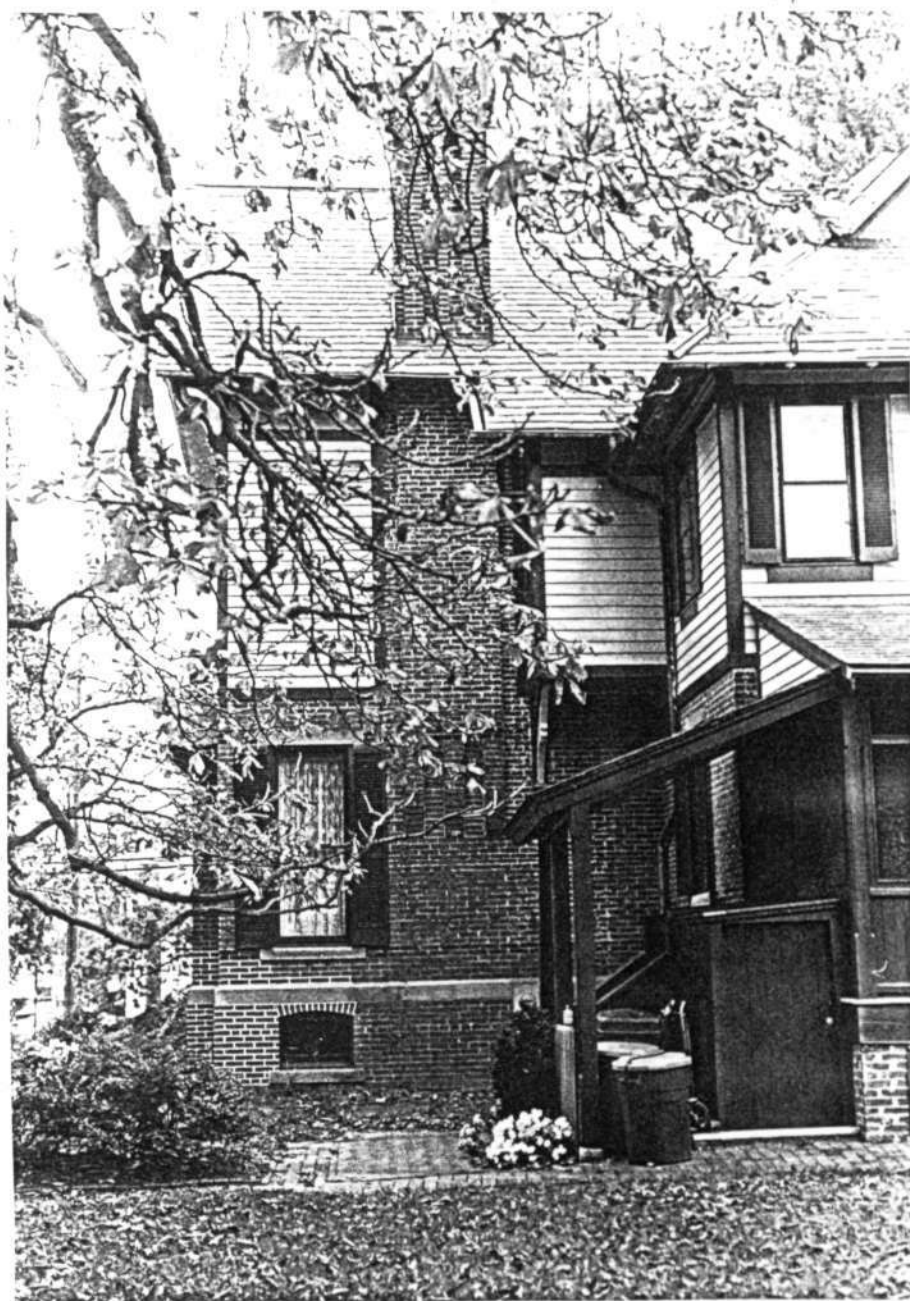
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1/77 east 103 Maple Street